

Written Testimony in SUPPORT of- House Joint Resolution HJ6 – concerning -United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Limitations on Federal Power

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Rules and Executive Nomination Committee

Dear Committee Chair Anne Healy, and the Honorable Committee Members,

I'm Mary Jane Perraut, a life-long resident of Montgomery County. As a volunteer with the Convention of States, I'm trying to do my part to preserve the freedoms that I have always taken for granted.

Many citizens believe that Washington has become too authoritarian and it's inconceivable that Congress would restrict its own power. We are like a ship that has taken on water and the country is out of balance, but we have the tools to right the ship through an Article V Convention of States.

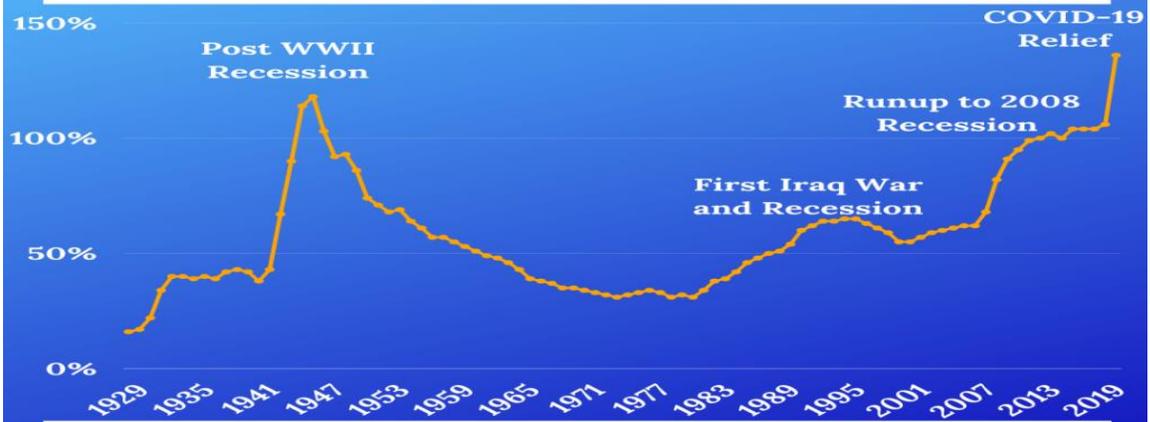
America is losing our economic freedom. The federal government is spending the country into obscene amounts of debt. Imagine nine stacks of dollar bills from here to the moon. That's our national debt – \$30,000,000,000,000.00. If unchecked this will be devastating to the country for generations to come. Perhaps, a solution to this would be an amendment to limit spending to a percentage of the previous year's GDP. This is one of the three possible items that would be discussed at a Convention of all states.

As state legislators, you are more closely aware of our needs and how to best allocate resources in our communities, yet the federal government is becoming more dominant in the decisions of the states through mandates and funding decisions.

Personally, many of my friends are worried about the harsh division within the country and don't know what to do. I believe that a Convention of States will unite the country again through a national debate of the states – a discussion that would be like pumping water out of the ship's hull and watching her sail freely again. Please Vote favorably on HJ6.

*Sincerely,
Mary Jane Perraut*

US NATIONAL DEBT TO GDP RATIO BY YEAR



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